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| Application Number | 08/976,322 |
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ii. ☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Rely Brief previously filed on _____

iii. ☐ Other _____

b. ☒ Enclosed

i. ☒ Amendment/Reply

iii. ☐ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)

ii. ☐ Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)

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b. ☐ Other _____

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i. ☒ RCE fee required under 37 CFR 1.17(e)

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ii. ☒ Extension of time fee (37 CFR 1.136 and 1.17)

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iii. ☒ Other 3 extra claims (3 x 18 = \$54) and 2 extra independent claims (2 x 84 = \$168) DA

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